Target for the Production of Fertilizers

1726. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the target set for the production of different kinds of fertilizers by the end of the Eighth Plan;

(b) the achievements made during the Eighth Plan so far in this regard;

(c) the steps taken to increase the production of different grades of fertilizers in order to achieve the target; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The target set for the production of different kinds of fertilizers by the end of Eighth Plan are 98.00 lakh tonnes of nitrogen and 30.00 lakh tonnes of phosphate in terms of nutrients.

(b) The production achieved in the first three years of the Eighth Plan are as follows:

(Lakh Tonnes)

Year	Nitrogen	Phosphate
1992-93 . . .	74.30	23.06
1993-94 . . .	72.31	18.16
1994-95 . . . (Upto February, 1995)	72.23	22.52

(c) and (d) The details of some of the major projects planned/under implementation are as follows:

(i) Government has approved the projects for doubling of the capacity of IFFCO's urea plant at Anola and NFL's urea plant at Vijaipur. These two projects would result in additional production of 14.50 lakh tonnes of area per annum. Both these projects are under implementation.

(ii) Madras Fertilizers Limited are also currently revamping their urea, ammonia and NPK plants at Manali near Madras. This would resutt in additional production capacity of 1.95 lakh tonnes of urea and 3 lakh tonnes of NPK (17:17:17).

(iii) The gas-based urea plant of M/s. Bindal Agro Chem. Ltd., having a capacity to produce 7.25 lakh tonnes of urea per annum. is nearing completion and is expected to be commissioned during the later half of 1995-96.

(iv) IFFCO is revamping their ammonia-urea plants at Kalol, Gujarat at an estimated cost of Rs. 119.08 crores. The zero date of the project is 1.1.1995. The revamped plants are expected to be commissioned by 30.6.1997. When commissioned, it will produce an additional 1.50 lakh MT of urea per annum.

(v) IFFCO proposes to expand the capacity of their ammonia-urea plants at Phulpur to produce an additional 7.26 lakh MT of urea per annum. The estimated capital cost of the expansion project is Rs. 993.60 crores and its completion schedule is 33 months from the zero date.

(vi) Possibilities are also being explored for setting up joint venture projects in Iran. Oman. U.A.E., Qatar etc.

Indian Farmers Fertilizers Cooperative Ltd.

1727. SHRI JOYANTA ROY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of profit and losses of the Indian Farmers Fertilizers Cooperative Ltd. during the last five years; and

(b) if any loss has been recorded, the steps taken to resolve it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Profits earned by Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Ltd. during the last five years i.e. during 1989-90 to 1993-94, were as follows:

(Rs. Crores)

	Profit before tax	Profit after tax
1993-94 . .	204.38	123.98
1992-93 . .	155.38	115.77
1991-92 . .	100.91	100.91
1990-91 . .	108.11	108.11
1989-90 . .	55.91	55.91

(b) Does not arise.

Drugs exempted from price control

1728. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of all the bulk drugs having turn over upto Rs. 3.99 crore and market share in the entire trade upto 89 per cent have been kept outside price control;

(b) whether it is not considered a monopoly and if so, the reasons therefor and the need for evolving definitions contrary to MRTP Act, 1969;

(c) whether Government are aware that this was help the multinationals; and

(d) whether Government are taking any steps to look into this lapse in framing of the policy and DPCO, 1995 and if so, by when the rectification would take place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (d) The list of drugs kept under price control has been prepared as per the criteria laid down in the "Modifications in Drug Policy, 1986". The criterian adopted for determining monopolistic situation in a drug has been specified therein and is for the specific purpose of identifying drugs for the purpose of price control irrespective of the manufacturer engaged in its production. There is no need to establish a linkage with the definition of "monopolistic undertaking" under the MRTP Act of 1969, which is meant to achieve other purposes.

Price of Revital

1729. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) when was the price of Revital fixed and what was its earlier price;

(b) what is the current prices of Revital and whether it is a fact that the producer has defied Government's order, if so, the action taken thereon;

(c) whether the price is being overcharged in connivance with the concerned authorities; and

(d) what are the full facts and the reasons for not serving notice for recovery on the producer so far in respect of all the formulations where prices are being overcharged by the company?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FELEIRO): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.